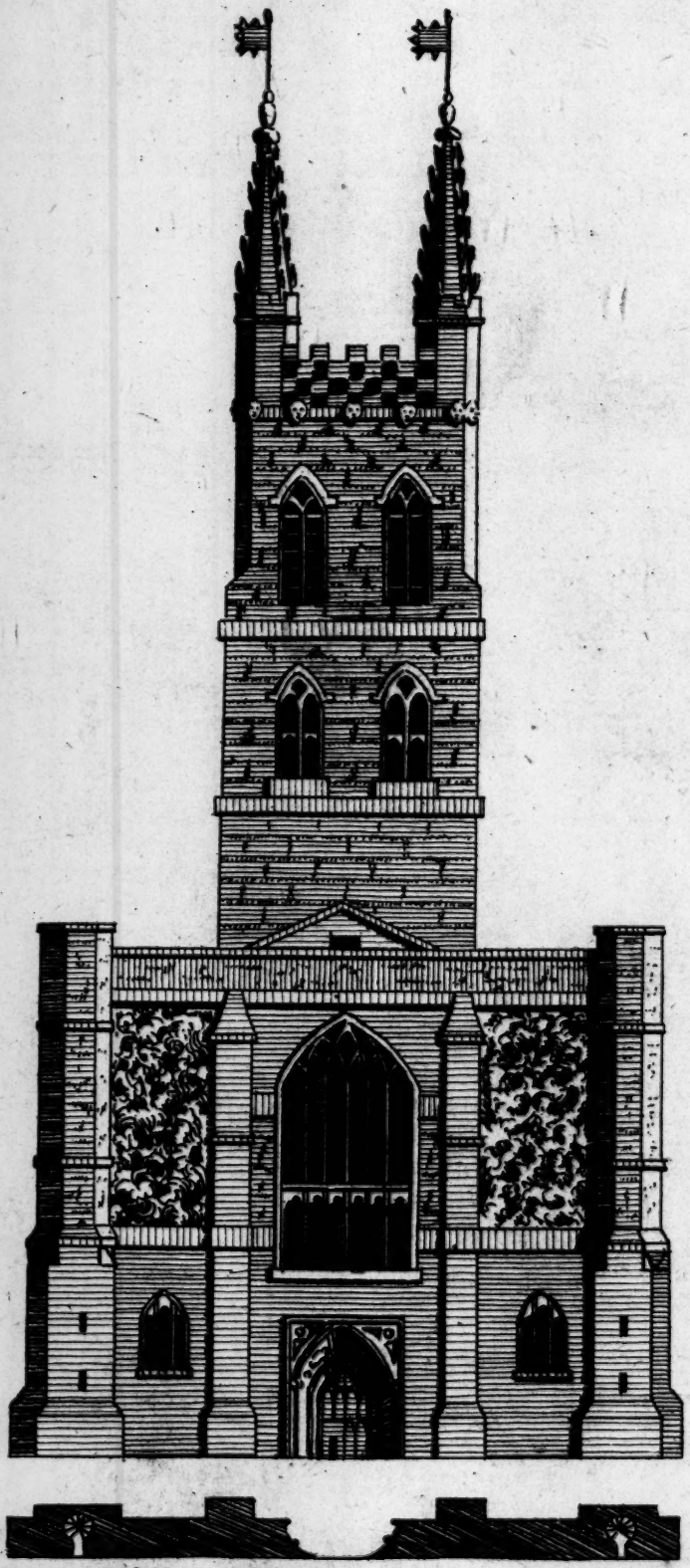

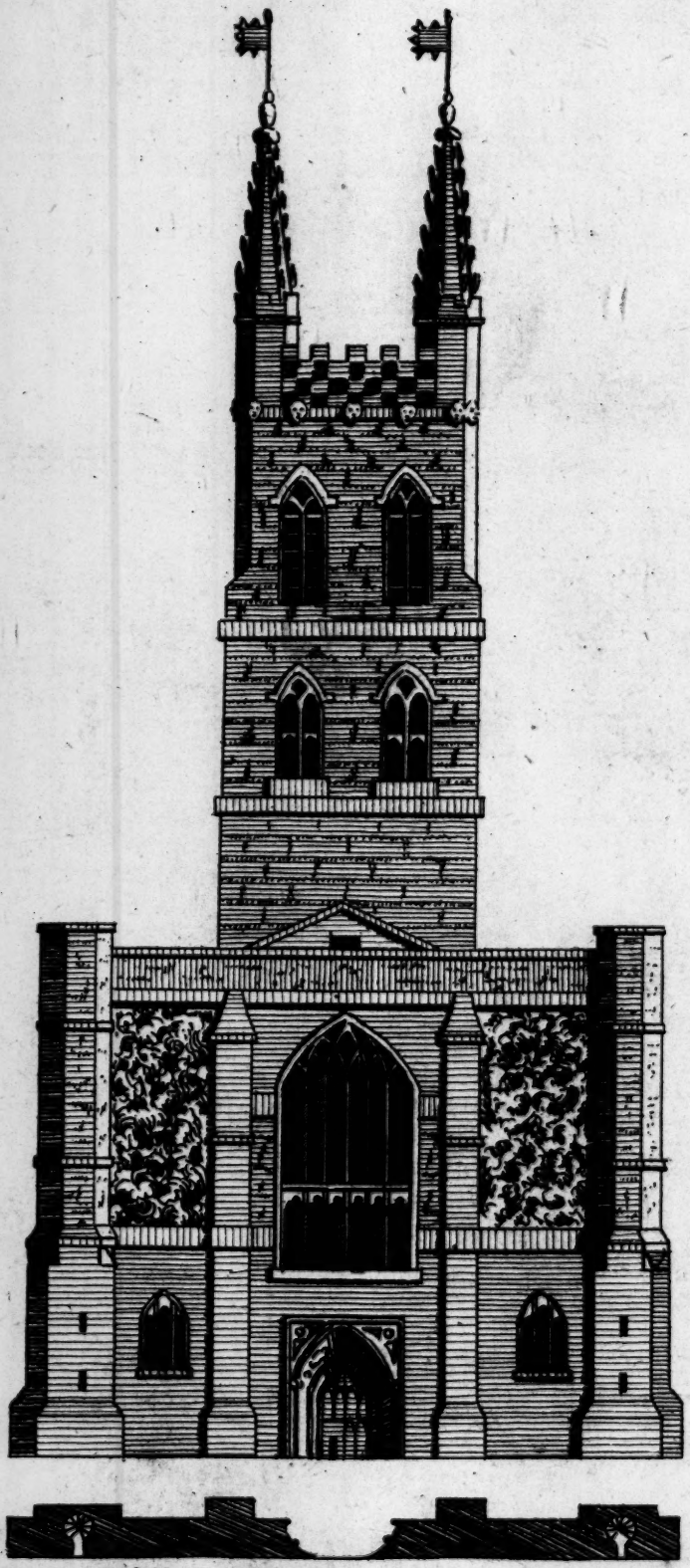

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A

Brief Deſcription

OF THE

COLLEGIATE CHURCH

AND

CHOIR of St. MARY,

IN THE

BOROUGH of WARWICK;

With a conciſe ACCOUNT of the

ANTIQUITIES and CURIOSITIES

Of the Same,

And of the Chapel thereto adjoining.

Together with

The TABLES of the ſeveral BENEFACTIONS given to the ſaid CHURCH and PARISH.

To which is added,

A particular DETAIL of the Grand SOLEMNITY with which the Earl of *Leiceſter* celebrated the *French* Order of St. *Michael* at *Warwick*, in the Year MDLXXI.

By JOHN SABIN, Clerk of the Pariſh of St. MARY.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

OF THE

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The TOWER,

IN which are Ten moſt muſical Bells and Chimes, is at the Weſt End of the Church, erected on Groin Arches ſupported by four Piers, between which is a free Paſſage for Coaches, &c. Its Height to the Top of the Battlements is 130 Feet. To the Top of the Pinnacle is 174 Feet. Its Diameter at the Baſs 32 Feet 6 Inches, at the Summit 27 Feet. The Length of the Church (including the Choir) is 186 Feet 1 Inch. The Breadth 66 Feet. The croſs Iſle is 106 Feet and a Half. The Height of the Roof 42 Feet and a Half. The Length of the

Choir 77 Feet 3 Inches. The Breadth 27 Feet 4 Inches. Againſt the North, Weſt, and South Sides of the Tower are Three DIALS belonging to the CLOCK, likewiſe a SUN-DIAL on the South Side.

The following Inſcription is on the North, Weſt, and South Sides.

TEMPLUM B: MARIÆ COLLEGIATUM, PRIMITUS A ROG: DE NOVO BURGO COM: WAR: TEMP: STEPH: R: INSTAURATUM POSTEA A THO: DE BELLO-CAMPO C: WAR: EX TOTO REEDIFICATUM ANNO MCCCXCIIII CONFLAGRATIONE STUPENDA, NON ARIS, NON FOCIS PARCENTE, DIRUTUM V° SEP: MDCXCIIII NOVUM HOC, PIETATE PUBLICA INCHOATUM, ET PROVECTUM; REGIA ABSOLUTUM EST: SUB LÆTIS ANNÆ AUSPICIIS, ANNO MEMORABILI MDCCIIII.

Thus TRANSLATED.

The Collegiate Church of St. MARY, firſt repaired by ROGER NEWBURG, Earl of Warwick, in the Time of King STEPHEN; afterwards wholly rebuilt by THOMAS BEAUCHAMP Earl of Warwick in the Year 1394. Being deſtroyed 1694 by a dreadful Fire, ſparing neither Temples nor Houſes, this

new

new Church, began and carried on by the Public, was finiſhed by Royal Piety, under the joyful Auſpices of ANNE, in the memorable Year 1704.

At the Weſt End of this Church are three Entrances, the principal of which is under the Tower; againſt the ſaid Wall in the Church are two Boxes to receive Alms, that towards the North for the Relief of the Poor when ſick, the other towards the South for the uſe of the Charity School. In the Entrance of the Middle Iſle is a capacious Marble Font, the Decorations gilt. Further on are erected elegant and ſpacious Galleries, two very large Branches of poliſh'd Braſs; and near the upper End, on the South Side of an exceeding neat Pulpit, fixed to a Pillar, is a Time Piece; and to an oppoſite Pillar towards the North, are the Queen's Arms: At the Extremity of this Iſle runs a Croſs Iſle North and South, in the Center of which is the Entrance of the Choir, by a Pair of Iron Gates of good Workmanſhip, over which is a ſtately Loft, and an excellent Organ, built by Thomas Swarebrick.

Between the Pulpit and the Entrance of the Choir, is a Vault, belonging to that truly worthy Family the WISE's, of the PRIORY, WARWICK, over which are laid two large flat Stones with the following Inſcriptions.

In

In The Vault underneath, Lieth the Body of HENRY WISE, Eſq; Late of the Priory, Who departed this Life December the 15th Anno Domini, 1738, Aged 85 Years.

Mrs.
PATIENCE WISE, Died December the ſeventh, 1751.
In the 78th Year of her age.
Let me die the Death of the Righteous,
And let my laſt End be like Her's.

MARY,
Wife of WM. GREENWOOD, D. D.
Died April 27, 1758,
Aged 60 Years.

JOHN WISE,
Died Dec. 15th, 1754,
Aged 45 Years.

On the Eaſt Wall, North of the Chancel Gate is a Marble Monument with a Latin Inſcription to the Memory of John Gibbons.

Immortalitatem beatam expectans
Hic jacet JOANNES GIBBONS
In agro STAFFODIENSI ex Honeſta
Stirpe Oriundus,
Vir Probus, modeſtus, vere, et
ex Animo Chriſtianus,
Qui rebus adverſis diu probatus, ſed

non

non fractus, provecta ætate
In amœniſſimum hoc WERWICUM
Præſidium ſecſſiet;
Ubi, quod ævi Supererat,
Deo ſoli dicavit, et Saluti
animæ ſuæ, quam pie et
tranquille reddidit
Anno Etat 76: Anno Dom: MDCXCIII
ſeptem Liberorum, quos ex ELIZABETHA
Dilectiſſima Uxore ſuſcepit, filia
ROLANDI FIRTH de THORNS Generoſi
Viri integerrimi, et ob ſuam erga
Regem & Eccleſiam fidem inſignis
Unicus Superſtes W: G: M: D:
Parenti optime de ſe merito
Hoc Monumentum L: M: poni curavit

Thus Tranſlated.

In Expectation of a bleſſed Immortality,
Here lieth JOHN GIBBONS,
Deſcended from a genteel Family
In the County of Stafford,
A Man of real Probity and Modeſty, and,
From his Heart, a Chriſtian:
Who being long proved, but not broken
In Adverſity, did, in an advanced Age,
Retire to this moſt pleaſant Town of Warwick,
Where the Remainder of his Age
He dedicated to GOD alone, and
The Salvation of his Soul,

which

Which he piouſly and calmly reſign'd,
In the 76th Year of his Age, of our Lord 1693.

The only Survivor of ſeven Children which he begat of Elizabeth his beloved Wife (the Daughter of Roland Frith, of Thorns, Gent. a Man of great Integrity, and remarkable for his Fidelity to the King and to the Church) William Gibbons, Doctor of Phyſick, took Care to have this Monument erected to a Father who deſerved his beſt Regards.

*** Near the above Monument is the Entrance into the Lobby, and againſt the Eaſt and Weſt Wall, are five Tables of Benefactions, to this Church and Pariſh, and Trophies belonging to Earl Brook's Family.

A little farther to the North are two Portraits in Braſs, on a Marble Monument, with this Inſcription, to Thomas Oken, and Jone his Wife, in the old Letter and Spelling.

Of your Charyte give Thanks for the Soules of Thomas Oken and Jone his Wyff—on whoſe Souls Jeſus hath Mercy, Jeſus hath Mercy—Amen—Remember the Charyte for the Pore for ever, Anno Dom: MDLXXIII.

Under the Braſs, upon a Marble Table, is inſcribed as follows:

To the Memory of Mr. THOMAS OKEN an Ornament to his own, and a bleſſing to Ages ſuc-

ſucceeding) This Monument, defaced by the late dreadful Fire, is re-erected, and dedicated hy his Feoffees, The MAYOR and ALDERMEN of this BOROUGH. Whoſe Induſtry, being born here of mean Parents, was ſo bleſſed in the Trade he exerciſed of a Mercer, that 37th H: 8th, he was Maſter of the Guild of the Holy Trinity, and St. George, now the Hoſpital of the Right Honourable E: of Leiceſter, 5th of P. and Mariæ, Bailiff of this Borough, and dying 15th of Eliz. gave to Pious and Charitable Uſes Here, an Eſtate, then let for leſs than 20 l. per Ann: now, by the juſt Care of his Feoffees, advanc'd, notwithſtanding the Loſs of ſeveral Houſes by the Fire, to more than 100 l. per Ann. alſo 100 l. to purchaſe Lands to enlarge the Commons, 30 l. to the Poor, 10 l. to 30 poor Maidens for Marriages, 94 Ounces of wrought Plate, for the Uſe of the Bailiffs ſucceſſively. And to the Borough of Stratford and Banbury 40 l. each, to be lent to honeſt Tradeſmen. Vide Dugdale's War.

This Charity, Reader, was ſo wiſely inſtituted, and the Truſt ſo honeſtly executed, that, if to thy Faith Thou art diſpos'd to joyn good Works, Thou needs ſeek no farther for a Model, or Encouragement, or Opportunity, for ye have the Poor with you always.

At the North End is a Marble Monument, with this Inſcription:

Juxta Situs Eſt
FRANCISCUS CHERNOCKE, Gen:
Antiqua Baronettorum cognominum
in Com: BEDF. familia oriundus,
Vir probus et Liberalis,
Qui a quibuſdam Honoratiſs: Baronibus
et Illuſtriſs: Comitibus per quadraginta
fere annos Redituum Procurator
adhibitus, Munus illud Summa fide
peritia et dignitate utrobique geſſit
Ornavitque
Obiit quarto Aprilis A: D. 1727,
Ætatis Suæ Sexageſimo nono
In cujus, optimi Seil: Patris, memoriam
Exile hoc monumentum
Poſuit Robertus filius.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Near this Place lieth
FRANCIS CHERNOCKE, Gent.
Deſcendant from an ancient Family,
Which had the Surname of Baronets,
In the County of Bedford.
A Man of Probity and Liberality,
Being employ'd as Steward
By ſome very honourable Barons
And illuſtrious Earls, for almoſt 40 Years

He

He adorn'd and executed that Office in
every Reſpect
With the greateſt Fidelity, Dignity, and Skill.
He died on the 4th Day of April, A. D. 1727,
of his Age 69.
To whoſe Memory, as the beſt of Fathers,
Robert, his Son, hath put up this ſmall
Monument.

At the ſame End is another Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

S D G
THOMAS HEWITT
Peccator Miſerrimus
Infra Sepultus,
Inſtabilitatis Humanæ,
Fragilitatis Vitæ,
Certæque Mortis ſibi Obrepentis Memor,
(Cujus Exuvias in Subjacente Sepulchro,
Cum' Deo Opt. Max. Viſum fuerit,
Depoſitas eſſe Volens)
Marmoream hanc Tabellam
Poſt obitum hic Erigendam
Vivus parabat:
Qui felicem præſtolans Reſurrectionem
Per Sola Chriſti Salvatoris Merita,
Immortalem efflavit Animam
Ultimo Die Januarij
Anno Unici Mediatoris noſtri
MDCCXXXVII.

Et Ætatis ſuæ
LXXIV.
Neſcis qua Hora
Hodie itaque Reſipice
Ac æternum Salve.
T. H. Natus erat 19 Die Julij A. D. 1664.
Diſce Mori
ut Vivas.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Glory be to God alone.
THOMAS HEWITT,
A moſt miſerable Sinner,
buried underneath,
Recalling to Mind the Inſtability and Frailty of
human Life,
And the Certainty of Death creeping upon him
(Being deſirous that his Remains ſhould be depoſited
in the ſubjacent Sepulchre, when it ſeems good
To GOD, the greateſt and beſt of Beings)
Did, in his Life, prepare this Marble Table,
To be erected in this Place after his Death,
Who waiting for a happy Reſurrection,
Thro' the ſole Merits of Chriſt his Saviour,
Breath'd out his immortal Soul
On the laſt Day of January,
In the Year of our only Mediator 1737,
and of his Age 74.
You know not at what Hour,
Therefore repent To-day,
And be ſaved for ever. T. H.

T. H. was born the 19th Day of July, 1664.
Learn to die,
That you may live.

At the ſame End is alſo another Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

Hunc prope Locum, in Sepulchro Camerato
Jacet
Gulielmus Johnſton, M. D. Coll. Reg. LOND
MED. Socius Senior.
Vir Probus, Juſtus, Honeſtus, verus Charitatis
Cultor.
Amator Gratitudinis, Conſtantis Memoriæ
Quæ plura cupis Benigna Loquatur Fama.
Obiit 22 Die Novembris, Anno Dom. 1725.
Ætat Suæ 82.
In eodem Sepulchro, conditur ANNA Uxor ejus,
quæ Cenſum Trium Millium, Centumq; plus,
minus, Librarum, Quem Moriens reliquit
Univerſum (Debitis ſuis & Legatis prius Subductis)
in opportunum Egenorum Subſidium Teſtamento
ſuo, erogatum voluit;
quo, Fundos ſuos omnes elocatos una cum Bonis,
quæcunq. ei ſuppetebant, perſonalibus, primo
quoque Tempore vendendos, et Pecunia inde
accreſcenti, Fundos Liberos, in Comitatu Sitos
WARWICENSI, emendos mandavit
Quorum uti & omnium, quas apud WARWICENSES
habuit, Domorum Reditus annuos Pauperibus
Hujus Burgi a Fidei Commiſſariis Singulis Annis
diſtribuendos in perpetuum Legavit,
Obiit Quarto Die Aprilis, Anno Dni. 1733.
Ætat. ſuæ 84.

Thus

Thus TRANSLATED:

Near this Place in a Vault
Lieth
William Johnſon, Doctor of Phyſick, Senior Fellow
of the Royal College of Phyſicians in London.
A Man of Probity, Juſtice, Honeſty, who cultivated
In himſelf real Principles of Charity.
A Lover of Gratitude:
Do you deſire to know more of him,
Let propitious Fame, of never-failing Memory,
Speak the reſt.
He died on the 22d Day of Nov. 1725.

In the ſame Vault is laid Anne his Wife,
Who by her laſt Will commanded her whole Eſtate,
Of about 3000 l. and 100 l. which ſhe left at
her Death,
(Her Debts and Legacies being firſt diſcharg'd)
To be laid out for the ſeaſonable Relief of
poor People.
By her Will ſhe likewiſe ordered
That all her Lands which were ſituated at a Diſtance
Together with the perſonal Eſtates ſhe then
poſſeſs'd,
To be ſold, the firſt Opportunity, and with the
Money thence ariſing,
Other Freehold Lands to be bought, ſituated
in the County of Warwick.
The Revenue of which as alſo of all the Houſes ſhe
poſ-

Poſſeſs'd in Warwick, ſhe bequeath'd to Truſtees to be laid out every Year, for the Poor of this Borough for ever.
She died the 4th Day of April, in the Year of our Lord 1733, of her Age 84.

On the Weſt Wall of the croſs Iſle is a Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

Near this Place are interr'd
The Bodies of George and Mary Webb,
Late of this Town,
He was a good Chriſtian,
A tender Husband,
A ſincere Friend,
And a kind Benefactor to the Poor.
She a Woman
of exemplary Piety and Charity,
Endued with all the Graces that
Adorn the Chriſtian Life.
He died the 9th of July A. D. 1732, Aged 79 Years.
She died 17th of June A. D. 1743, Aged 70 Years.

Againſt the North Iſle is a Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

Juxta jacent
Steriles jam & elanguidi
Sacræ Quercus
Radix, Surculus, Ramuſculi;
Viz.
FRANCISCUS HOLYOKE als de
Sacra Quercu Radix THO-

THOMAS, FRANCISCI Surculus unicus:
Ambo Superioris Notæ Lexicographi
JUDITHA FRANCISCI ANNA THOMÆ
Uxor
Quorum THOMÆ ANNÆ que Ramuſculi
Numero duodecim in Vita haud penitus Obſcuri,
Quorum Unus,
Scholæ apud Rugby Com. VARVICI
per XLIII annos Moderator
Hanc Tabulam Annalium loco,
Erexit.
Qui & Ipſe contabuit xo die Martij
Anno { Dom: MDCCXXX.
Ætat: LXXII.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Not far from hence lie,
Now indeed ſteril and languid,
The Root, Shoot, and Branches
of the Holy Oake,
Viz.
FRANCIS HOLYOKE, or the Root of the
Holy Oake,
THOMAS the only Shoot of FRANCIS,
Both of them Lexicographers of Superior
Character.
JUDITH the Wife of FRANCIS, ANNE the
Wife of THOMAS,
The Branches of which THOMAS and ANNE,
twelve in Number,

Were

Were not entirely of no Account in the World,
One of which,
The Maſter of the School at Rugby,
In the County of WARWICK, during 43 Years,
Erected this Table to ſupply the Place of Annals;
Who alſo himſelf withered away on the 10th
Day of March,
In the Year { of our Lord 1730.
of his Age 72.

In the Lobby is a Marble Monument with a modeſt but very elegant Latin Inſcription:

Si quæras Viator! quis hic Jacet?
Paucis habe.
Fui Franciſcus Parker,
Londini Natus, Eductus Cantabrigiæ
Ubi obtinui, neſcio an merui,
Artium Magiſtri gradum:
Inſervij
Dominis, Franciſco Roberto, Fulconi Brooke
Aſtudijs, ab Epiſtolis, a Rationibus:
Annos præterpropter quadraginta quinque:
Quam integre quam aſſidue;
Superſtites, qui norunt, dicant,
Deceſſi Londini
In Ædibus, quibus pleruſq degeram,
Brookianis
10 Die Novembris,
Anno { Dom. 1693.
Ætat. 67.

Cum Dominis meis iuxta abdormiſcentibus
Reſurgens Lœtus audiam
Euge bone et fidelis Serve.

Thus TRANSLATED:

If you ask, Traveller, Who lies here? Take the Account in few Words:

I was Francis Parker,
Born at London, educated at Cambridge,
Where I obtain'd (I know not whether I deſerv'd it).
The Degree of Maſter of Arts.
I ſerved
The Lords Francis, Robert, Fulk Brook,
In the Character of Tutor, Secretary, and Steward,
For almoſt forty-five Years,
With what Integrity and Aſſiduity,
Let the Survivors, who know it, declare:
I deceas'd at London,
In the Houſe belonging to the Brooks,
where I generally liv'd,
On the 10th Day of November,
In the Year { of our Lord 1693.
of my Age 67.
When I riſe again with my Lords, who are ſleeping near me, may I hear the joyful Eulogy,
WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

On

On the South Side of the Choir Gates is a Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

In Obitum JOHANNIS NORTON, Generoſi,
Hujus municipij nuper Seneſcalli, et deput: Recordatoris;
Qui Obijt, Sep. 14, 1635,
Sed non totus Obijt, melior pars Æthere Vivit,
Dum Terra meritis debita Fama Viget.
Frater amans, Conjux fidus Virtutis et Æqui
Cultor erat; Nequeunt hæc monumenta Mori.
Ad Latus JOHANNIS Jacet Uxor ISRAEL THO:
WOODWARD Filia.
Aliquando de Butl. Marſton in Agro Warw. Generoſi;
Quæ ob eximiam pietatem memorabilis,
E vita deceſſit, Nov. 29, 1615.
Iuxta Sepulta eſt ANNA NORTON, HENRICI PORTER
Filia,
Nuper de Edgberſton in Com. Warw. Generoſi,
Vidua THOMÆ NORTON, prædicti JOH: et ISRA Filij
Unici,
(Apud Knole in Eodem Com: humati)
Hæc annis et pietate mature, vitam depoſuit,
Maij 14: 1698.
Epitaphium, in memoriam JOH: NORTON, Incendio
dirutu,
A: D: 1694. de novo poſuerunt cum infra Scriptis,
Nepotes JOHN: et EDW. NORTON, A. D. 1709.

Thus TRANSLATED:

On the Death of JOHN NORTON, Gent.
Of this Borough Steward and Deputy Recorder,
who died Sept. 14, 1635.
But he's not wholly dead,---his better Part
In Heaven lives---while Fame, due to his Deeds,
Still flouriſhes on Earth;---a Brother kind,

A Husband faithful, in whoſe Breaſt were ſown
Strong Principles of Virtue, and of Right.
Theſe immaterial Monuments defy
Death's mortal Sting--and Time's corroding Tooth.

At the Side of JOHN lieth his Wife ISRAEL, Daughter of THOMAS WOODWARD, ſometime of Butler's Marſton, in the County of Warwick, Gentleman,----who, memorable for her excellent Piety, departed from this Life Nov. 29th, 1615.

Near this Place is buried ANNE NORTON, Daughter of HENRY PORTER, lately of Edgberſton, in the County of Warwick, Gentleman, Widow of THOMAS NORTON, only Son of the before-mentioned JOHN and ISRAEL (who was buried at Knowle in the ſame County).
She being mature in Piety and Age laid down this Life May 14th, 1698.

The Epitaph on the Memory of JOHN NORTON, being deſtroyed by Fire 1694, was put up afreſh, with the underwitten Lines, by his Grand-Children, JOHN and EDWARD NORTON. A. D. 1709.

Farther on is a Marble Monument with the Effigies in Braſs of Thomas Beauchamp and his Wife, with this Inſcription.

D. O. M, et Æternæ Memoriæ
Sacrum.
Qui Templum hoc fruſtra in Mauſolœum, ipſaſque
Aras in Refugium habuit,
E Somno, quo Trecentos amplius annos jacuit Sepultus,
Quemque non niſi Communi Rerum Rogo perturbatum iri putarat, experrectus,
Aſſurgit ecce, et adſtat
vir ille inclytus pietate et bellica Virtute æque inſignis,
Regum nunc Amor, nunc Invidia, Regno ſemper dilectus;
Fortunæ aliquamdiu luſus, tandem Victor, blandienti Par,
Novercante Major;
Heroum, Nominis Semper Galliæ terribilis tantum non ultimus
THOMAS de BELLOCAMPO Comes VARVICI,
Inſularum GUERNSEY, SERKE, et AURENEY Præfectus,
Ordinis Periſcelidis Eques,
EVARDO III. Principi Fælici, invicto, ob res egregias
ANGLIA et GALLIA geſtas in paucis charus:
RICHARDO II. Minorenni per Conventum Regni
Ordinum Curator Admotus:
Eodem Rege Sui aut Suorum potius juris facto majeſtatis
damnatus, in MANNIAM deportatus,
Ab HENRICO IV. ad Cenſus et Honores poſtliminio,
revocatus:
Qui, cum Satis Patriæ, ſibi, et Gloriæ, ſuæ vixiſſet,
Una cum MARGARETA Uxore ſua hic loci contumulatus,
ANNO DOM. MCCCC I.
Ne in Cineribus Ædis hujus Collegiatæ, quam ipſe extruxerat, periret et Monumentum,
ſepulchrale fundatoris, Imagines haſce ſacrilegis ereptas
Flammis, erigi curavit Unus
e FIDEICOMMISSARIJS ad URBEM et ÆDEM hanc SACRAM
redificandas Senatus Decreto conſtitutis,
et Memoriæ tanti Nominis Ære et Marmore perennioris
Hoc quali quali Elogio Parentat.
ANNO DOM. MDCCVI.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Sacred
To the beſt and greateſt God, and to Eternal Memory.

Having had this Temple in vain for his Mauſoleum, and its Altars for his refuge, but awaken'd from that Sleep in which he had lain buried more than Three Hundred Years, and which he thought would not be diſturbed, but by the general Conflagration: Lo! there now ariſeth and ſtandeth before you,

That famous Man equally renowned for his Piety and Valour: One while the Love, another while the Envy of Kings; always beloved by the Kingdom: Sometime the Sport of Fortune, at Length her Conqueror: Equal to her Smiles; Greater than her Frowns: Almoſt the laſt of a Name always terrible to France:

Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Governor of the Iſles of Guernſey, Serke and Aureney; Knight of the Order of the Garter; Of ſome Eſteem with the fortunate invincible Prince Edward the IIId. on Account of his famous Exploits performed in England and France; promoted by a Convention of the Orders of the Realm to be Governor to Richard the IId during his Minority. Condemn'd for High Treaſon when the ſame King was made Maſter of himſelf, or rather his Subjects. Baniſhed

niſhed to the Iſle of Man; recalled from Baniſhment by Henry the IVth to his Eſtate and Honours; who when he had lived long enough for his Country, himſelf, and his Reputation, was, together with his Wife Margaret, buried in this Place:

In the Year of our Lord 1401.

That the Sepulchral Monument of the Founder might not periſh in the Aſhes of this Collegiate Church, which he himſelf had built, Theſe Images ſnatched from the ſacrilegious Flames, were erected by the Care of one of the Commiſſioners, appointed by Act of Parliament, for the rebuilding the Town and this ſacred Church, and who offers this Eulogium, ſuch as it is, as a Kind of Funeral Obſequy to the Memory of ſo great a Name, a Name more durable than Braſs or Marble.

Anno Dom. 1706.

Next to which is that Auguſt Frontiſpiece in the Gothic Taſte, deſigned, built, carved and finiſhed in Warwick Sand-Stone, in the Year 1704, by a Poor Maſon of Warwick, the Entrance to the Lady's Chapel.

At the South End of the Croſs Iſle, is a Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

In a Vault near this Place lieth the Body of HENRY BEAUFOY, Eſq; of EDMONDSCOT, in in the County of WARWICK;—deſcended of an ancient and noble Family of NORMANDY, who came into ENGLAND at the Conqueſt;—He married MARY the Daughter of Sir WALTER WALKER, Bart. who left three Sons, HEN. HERCULES and WALTER, who lie buried with him in this Vault, and four Daughters, MARY, LUCY, MARTHA, and ELIZABETH.

He had in this Place a large Tomb erected by his Widow for him, that was deſtroyed by the Fire of WARWICK; for which Reaſon MARTHA his laſt ſurviving Daughter at her Deceaſe did at her own Charge, and Deſire, cauſe this Monument and Inſcription to be erected, as a ſmall Remembrance of her much honoured Father:—She married Sir: SAM: GARTH, Knight, Dr. of Phyſick, and left one only Daughter and Heireſs, BEAUFOY, who married WM. BOYLE, Eſq; Son to the Hon. HENRY BOYLE, and the Right Hon. Lady MARY his Wife—Son and Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of ORRERY and INCHIQUEIN of the Kingdom of IRELAND.

(without Date.)

Againſt

Againſt the Wall of the South Iſle is a Marble Monument, with this Inſcription:

QUI HIC DORMIT
WILHELMUS VINER,

Fuit olim Illuſtriſſimo Domino, Fulconi, Domino Brook, per annos fere quadraginta oeconomus, quemque munere ſuo, ſumma fide, ſolertiaque defunctum, eo in pretio habuit honoratiſſimus Baro, ut hinc petens beatas ſedes eum illis accenſuerit quibus curam Teſtamenti ſui delegavit. Vir plane antiquis moribus, et cui parem, effuſa præſertim dextra, vix inveneris: Scholas duas admodum horidas, et ruinæ propiores, alteram Norlechæ, in agro Gloceſtrienſi, in hac urbe alteram, Sumptu non exiguo redintegravit et oppido elegantes reddidit. Quin et hanc Warwicenſem perenni Sex librarum reditu (ut et hoſpitium quod eſt Lemingtoniæ ſeſquilibrali,) auxit, Magna hæc in cenſu non magno: quippe centum annuas non ſuperante, et quatuor filiolis futuro patrimonio, coelitibus, mature ſibi præmature ſuis, Septuagenarius, acceſſit Aprilis xxviii Anno Domini 1639:

Thus TRANSLATED:

He who ſleeps here was WILLIAM VINER, Steward to the moſt Illuſtrious Lord, Fulke Lord Brook, during the Space of almoſt forty

Years: And who having diſcharged his Office with the greateſt Fidelity and Skill, was held in ſuch Eſteem by the very Honourable Baron, that when he endeavoured to ſecure a happy Seat in Heaven, on his Removal hence, he added him to thoſe to whom he committed the Care of his laſt Teſtament.——A Man entirely of Ancient Manners, and to whom you will ſcarcely find an equal, particularly in Point of Liberality. Two Schools in a very wretched Condition, and almoſt ruined, the one at Norlech, in the County of Glouceſter, the other in this Town, he with no ſmall Expence repaired, and rendered very elegant. Beſides the Revenue of this School in Warwick he improved with the perpetual Addition of ſix Pounds per Annum: As alſo the Revenue of the Hoſpital of Lemington with thirty Shillings per Annum. Theſe conſiderable Things he did with no conſiderable Eſtate, it not exceeding one Hundred Pounds yearly, including a Patrimony to be left to four Children.——He was added to the Number of the Heavenly Inhabitants, maturely for himſelf, but prematurely for his Friends, in the 70th Year, on the 28th of April, Anno Dom. 1639.

The CHOIR.

THIS Structure, and the adjoining Chapel, do equally demonſtrate, how cloſely, in the Purſuit of Nature's beſt Directions, our Anceſtors deſigned and built;---a nobly awful, and elegantly pleaſing Taſte, harmoniouſly blended, is there expreſſed in Stone; and ſympathetically affects each ſenſible Surveyor with adequate Ideas to the Place; where no redundant Sameneſs or Diverſity ſatiates, or even palls the moſt enliven'd Fancy; nor is there one Beauty wanting, either to feed or nouriſh the moſt exalted Judgment.

Entering the Choir by three Stone Steps, on either Side there are two Ranges of Stalls, &c. in four Directions; on the moſt wonderful and delightful Stone Ceiling, are carved and enriched the Founder's Arms, alſo the Arms of his two Wives quartered with his, emboſom'd by Seraphims: There are four Floors, each aſcending one Step above another to the Altar, which, though Modern, and not quite appropriate to the Antiquity of the Building, is eſteemed an excellent Piece of Joinery. The Eaſt Window is replete with painting upon Glaſs, of Sacred Hiſtory, &c.

On

On the South Side, fixed to a Slab of Marble, is a Braſs Plate, with an Epitaph upon the Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Chowne, who died the laſt Day of Auguſt, 1597.

Here lies Elizabeth, twice happie Wife;
Of two good virtuous Men, bleſt from above;
With both and without both, a godly Life
'Till ſeventie-five ſhe liv'd in perfect Love.
Reſting a Widdow eyght and twentie Yeares
Joyeng to ſee hir deareſt Iſſue wed
Before hir God in Glory ſhe appeares
Hir Corps feed Woormes, hir Sowle by Chriſt is fed.
Anno Ætatis ſuæ 75.

Upon a flat Stone, this Inſcription,

Here lieth the Body of Stephen Bolton, Eſq; Lord of the Manor of Warwick, who departed this Life, the 17th Day of January, in the Year of our Lord 1672.

Nearer the Altar is a high poliſhed Marble Monument with this Inſcription:

Beatam placide expectans Reſurrectionem,

Sub iſto Tumulo requieſcit THOMAS PUCKERING, Miles et Baronettus, Filius Johannis Puckering, Domini Cuſtodis magni Sigilli Angliæ, Natu minnimus: Hæres tamen duobus prioribus

prioribus in Infantia a Morte abſorptis, qui tametſi a pueritia, in Aula regia per Septennium innutritus, in eoq Honoris atq Favoris Gradu, ut ſolus Henrico Principi, Jacobi Regis Filio primogenito, Studiorum Particeps admiſſus eſſet: pervagatus poſtea majorem Cultioremque Chriſtiani orbis per quatuor fere Annos Partem, reverſus tamen in Patriam, Vitam Aulicam poſt Mortem incomparabilis illius Principis Heri ſui clementiſſimi atq amantiſſimi (quem Deus omnipotens pro ſumma in ipſum Miſericordia et juſta in Populum ingratum Indignatione ſibi in Cælum aſſumpſerat) reamplecti noluit, quin Pertæſus utriuſque Vitæ tam aulicæ quam urbanæ illecebras, ruſticam [Utpote Deo inſerviendo ſibique vacando maxime idoneam deinceps degere elegit: in qua conſtanter perſeverans, ſingulis Muneribus functus quæ ſive regio Favore, ſive populari Benevolentia, in equeſtris Dignitatis Viros Benemeritos ruri agentes conferri ſolent, Curſum feliciter peregit, Annum agens ætatis ſuæ quadrageſſimum quintum.

Uxorem Habuit unam Elizabetham, nempe Filiam unicam Johannis Morley Equitis aurati, ex Provincia Suſſexiana: Filias ex ea ſuſcepit tres, quarum maxima Natu Franciſca Infans occubuit, ſecunda Cecilia merito Patri ter chariſſima, ſenex [quod vix credi poterit] ſingulari

Pietate

Pietate, ætate jvvenis, decimo tertio anno ætatis ſuæ mundo valedixit, tertia vltima Jana 7m. agens Annum jam Superſtes ſola mox eſt moritura.

Thus TRANSLATED:

In the calm Expectation of a happy Reſurrection,

Under this Tomb reſteth THOMAS PUCKERING, Knight and Baronet, Youngeſt Son of JOHN PUCKERING, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, yet Heir to his two elder Brothers, ſnatched away in their Infancy by Death, who notwithſtanding his Education in the Royal Palace for the Space of ſeven Years, and his having attained ſo high a Degree of Honour as to be the only Perſon admitted fellow Student to Prince Henry, eldeſt Son to King James, and notwithſtanding his having travelled through the greater and more polite Parts of the Chriſtian World for almoſt four Years, yet upon his Return to his Country, would not again reimbrace the Life of a Courtier, after the Death of that incomparable Prince his moſt gracious and affectionate Maſter (whom God Almighty, through his great Mercy to him, and juſt Indignation to an ungrateful People, had taken to himſelf to Heaven) but being weary of the alluring Charms which attend a Court

and

and a City Life, he afterwards choſe to live in the Country, as a Method of Life moſt proper for the ſerving of God, and giving him an Opportunity to be at Leiſure for himſelf; in which conſtantly perſevering, after having diſcharged thoſe particular Offices, which either by Royal Favour, or the Good-will of the People, are uſually conferred on deſerving Perſons, who enjoy the Honour of Knighthood, and ſpend their Time in the Country, he happily finiſhed this Courſe in the forty-fifth Year of his Age.

He had one Wife, Elizabeth the only Daughter of John Morley, Knight of the County of Suſſex, by whom he had three Daughters; the eldeſt of which, Frances, died an Infant. The Second, Cecilia, being deſervedly very dear to her Father, and which is ſcarce credible, old in ſingular Piety, though young in Years, bid farewell to the World in the 13th Year of her Age. The third and laſt Daughter, Jane, aged ſeven Years, now ſurvives, who alſo herſelf ſoon muſt die.

Upon three Plates of Braſs, fixed to a flat Stone, are theſe Inſcriptions:

Sacred to the Memory of Ciſſeley Puckering, ſecond Daughter of Thomas Puckering, Knight and Baronet, who being betrothed to Chriſt, died 9th of April, in the Year of our Lord 1636, of her Age 13.

Ana-

Anagram.

Miſtreſs Ciſſeley Puckering

I ſleep ſecure ; Chriſt's my King,
Death's Terrors nought affright me nor his Sting;
I ſleep ſecure for Chriſt's my Sovereigne King.

Epitaph.

Birth, Breeding, Beauty, Grace and carriage ſweet,
In thee deare Saint did altogether meet ;
The Sunne nere ſaw a comelier Face than thine,
Nor Heaven receiv'd a Spirit more divine.
Thrice happy Parents ſuch a Child to breed,
Begott agayne by God's Immortall Seed.
Ceaſe ſorrowing then ſith Saints and Angels ſing
To ſee her match'd to an Eternall King.

On the North Side, upon a flat Stone, this Inſcription:

Here lieth the Body of William Colemore, Eſq; who departed this Life, the 9th of February, Anno Domino 1674.

Beati ſunt qui moriuntur in Domino.

Near

Near the ſame, on a flat Stone, the following Inſcription:

Here lieth the Body of Robert Chernock, Gent. third Son of Sir Robert Chernock, of Holcut, in the County of Bedford, Knight. who departed this Life the 27th of January, Anno 1686.

Here lieth the Body of Margret Brook, Wife to Robert Chernock, Gent. and ſole Daughter of Charles Worthington, of Worthington, in Lancaſhire Gent. who died Aug. the 1ſt. Anno 1705.

In the Midſt of the Choir lieth, beneath a maſſy Tomb of Compoſition of Plaiſter with a Marble Corniſh, (now without Inſcription)

Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and Lady Katherine Mortimer his Wife. He died 13th November, in the forty third Year of King Edward the Third, Anno Dom. 1370. She died the 4th Day of Auguſt, the ſame Year.

On the two Sides, alſo on the Ends of the Tomb, are 36 Images of Weepers, ſtanding upon as many Coats of Arms.

The ſame Earl founded the Choir, and dying alſo in the aforeſaid Year, his Son, Thomas Earl of Warwick, finiſhed that Building, as it now ſtands, in the 15th Year of Richard the

Second, Anno Dom. 1392. He alſo, from the Death of his Father, rebuilt the Church as it ſtood before the Fire of Warwick, and finiſhed it in the 17th of Richard the Second, Anno Dom. 1394. Likewiſe in the ſame Year finiſhed Guy's Tower (as it is vulgarly called) belonging to the Caſtle.

Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Son of the next above Thomas, was Founder by Will, of the noble Chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary, which was begun the 21ſt of Henry the Sixth, Anno Dom. 1443, and finiſhed the third of Edward the Fourth 1464, the Coſt of which, including the Magnificient Tomb, &c. amounted to the Sum of 2481l. 4s. 7d. [as per Dugdale] When Wheat was 3s. 4d. per Quarter, the Proportionate Value of Money, when Corn is at the modern Medium of 5s. per Buſhel, which is twelve Times the Sum, amounts to 29774l. 15s. 0d.

Underneath the whole Floor of the Choir, is a Vault, commonly called the Bone Houſe, chiefly uſed as a Burial Place for the Mayors, and Body Corporate of this Borough.

North of the Choir are three diſtinct Rooms, or Buildings, very ſubſtantial; The Firſt, from the Body of the Church, is the Lobby (now the Fire Engine Room) in which is a Marble Monument, as before mentioned.

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The furthermoſt Room, is a ſpacious Library, or Veſtry Room, under which was the Friars Kitchen.

The Middle is an Octagon Room, called the Chapter Houſe; which was converted to another Uſe, by the Right Hon. Fulke Lord Brook, who, in his Life Time, erected a very ſtately Monument for himſelf and Family, of black and white Marble. The Epitaph, or Inſcrip- round his Tomb, thus:

Fulke Grevil, Servant to Queen Elizabeth, Councellor to King James, and Friend to Sir Philip Sydney.

THE LADY's CHAPEL.

ENTERING into which, you deſcend by a Flight of Twelve Stone Steps, on each Side are Stalls, &c. as in the Choir of the Church. The Floors being three in Number, of black and white Marble, are at unequal Diſtances, aſcending by one Step each, towards the Altar, which is modern, of very valuable Marble, and excellently executed. Raiſed againſt the Wall, on each Side the Altar, is a Shrine of very delicate Workmanſhip, particularly as their Matter is only the common Sand Stone of the Town, thus uncommonly modified, in which Shrines, (according to Dugdale) were formerly repoſited two Images of pure Gold, 20lb. Weight each: There are ſeveral more Shrines, and other Cabinet Curioſities, interſperſed in this Building. In the Verge, and in the

the two Muntles, or Diviſions, of the Eaſt Window, are forty ſix Images of Angels and Saints, very curiouſly wrought, in Warwick Sand Stone; alſo in the ſame, and Middle South Window, are ſacred, hiſtorical, and family Portraits in Glaſs. Behind the Altar is the Library, built by the famous John Rous. To the North ſtands the Confeſſional and Gallery, of exquiſite Deſign; beyond which, riſing by five Steps very much worn, is the Confeſſion Seat, very obſcure, yet very curious; where through the Partition Wall, is an oblique ſquare Hole to the Choir, through which Confeſſion was made.

In the Middle of the Chapel lieth upon a Tomb of Marble, in full Stature, the Effigy of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, in Armour all made of fine Latten Braſs, doubly gilt. At his Head there is a Swan, at his right Foot a Bear muzzled, at his left Foot a Griffin; over the ſaid Monument is a Hearſe of Braſs, gilt, made deſignedly to ſupport a Covering over the curious Repoſitory of the Remains of of this once great Earl. Round about his Tomb ſtand fourteen Images of Braſs, all gilt, under the Feet of each of them is a Coat of Arms;

Theſe

These Images are resembling fourteen Lords and Ladies call'd Weepers.

At the Head of the Tomb,

Henry Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick, and Lady Cecil his Wife, Daughter to Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury.

On the South Side,

The First, Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury; the Second, Edward Beaufort, Duke of Somerset; the Third, Humphry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham; the Fourth, John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; the Fifth, Richard Nevil, Earl of Warwick.

At the Foot of the Tomb,

George Nevil Lord Latimer, and Elizabeth his Wife, Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

On the North Side,

The First, Alice, Daughter and Heiress to Thomas Montague, Earl of Salisbury, Wife to Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury; the Second, Eleanor, Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and Wife to Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset; the third, Anne,

Daughter

Daughter to Ralph Nevil, Earl of Weſtmorland, Wife to Humphry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham; the fourth, Margaret, eldeſt Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Wife to John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; the fifth, Anne Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Wife to Richard, Earl of Salisbury. Beſides theſe there ſtands round about his Tomb, eighteen leſſer Images made of Braſs, and gilt, reſembling Angels, with this Label——GLORY AND PRAISE TO GOD. Mercy to the Dead.

The Inſcription about his Tomb, engrav'd in Braſs, in the uncouth Diction and Spelling, is as follows:

Preieth devoutly for the Sowel whom God aſſoille of one of the mooſt worſhipful Knightes, in his Dayes of Monhode and Conning, Richard Beauchamp, late Earl of Warrewik, Lord Deſpenſer of Bergevenny, of mony other grete Lordſhips; whoſe Body reſteth here under this tumbe in a ful feire vout of Stone ſet on the bare rooch, the which viſited with longe ſiknes in the Caſtel of Roan therinne deceſſed ful criſtenly the laſt day of April the yer of our Lord God MCCCCXXXIX. He being at that time lieutenant genal and goverin of the Roialmes of Fraunce, and of the Duchie of Normandie by

by ſufficient Autorite of oure Sovaigne lord the King Harry the ſixth, the which body with grete deliberacon and ful worſhipful Conduit by See and by lond was brought to Warrewik the iiii day of October the yer aboveſeide and was leide with ful ſolemne exequies in a feir Cheſt made of Stone in this Church, afore the weſt dore of this Chapel according to his laſt Wille and Teſtament therein to reſte, til this Chapel by him deviſed in his lief were made, Al the whuche Chapel founded on the rooch and alle the membres thereof, his Executours dede fully make and apparaille, by the autorite of his ſeide laſt wille and teſtament and therafter by the ſame autorite then dide tranſlate ful worſhipfully the ſeide body into the vout abouesaide; honired be God therefore.

On the North Side of the Chapel lie the much-admir'd Marble Statues of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leiceſter, and Lady Lettice his Wife, Counteſs of Leiceſter, upon a Magnificent Tomb of Marble, incloſed with Iron Rails, with this Inſcription:

DEO VIVENTIUM S

Spe certa reſurgendi in Chriſto, hic ſitus eſt illuſtriſſimus Robertus Dudleyus, Johannis, Ducis Northumbriæ Comitis Warwici, Vicecomitis

mitis Insulæ, &c. filius quintus; Comes Leceſtriæ; Baro Denbighie, ordinis tum S Georgii, tum S Michaelis, Eques auratus; Reginæ Elizabethæ [apud quem Singulari gratia florebat] Hippocomus; Regiæ Aulæ ſubinde Seneſchallus; ab intimis Conſilijs: Foreſtarum, Parcorum, Chacearum, &c. citra Trentham ſummus Juſticiarius: Exercitus Anglici a dicta Regina Eliz: miſſi in Belgio, ab Anno MDLXXXV, ad Annum MDLXXXVII. Locum tenens et Capitaneus generalis: Provinciarum Confederatarum, ibidem Gubernator generalis et præfectus; Regnique Angliæ locum tenens contra Philipum II. Hiſpanum, numeroſa Claſſe et Exercitu Angliam MDLXXXVIII.

Invadentem.

Animam Deo ſervatori reddidit Anno ſalutis MDLXXXVIII. Die quarto Septembris. Optimo et chariſſimo marito, mœſtiſſima uxor Leticia Franciſci Knoiles ordinis S Georgii equitis aurati et Regiæ Theſaurarij filia, amoris et conjugalis fidei ergo, poſuit.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Sacred to the GOD of the Living.

In certain Hope of a Reſurrection in Chriſt, here lieth the moſt illuſtrious Robert Dudley, fifth Son of John, Duke of Northumberland, Earl of Warwick, Viſcount Liſle, &c.----He was Earl of Leiceſter, Baron of Denbigh,

Knight both of the Order of the Garter and St. Michael, Maſter of the Horſe to Queen Elizabeth; (who diſtinguiſh'd him by particular Favour) ſoon after Steward of the Queen's Houſhold, Privy Counſellor, Juſtice in Eyre of the Foreſts, Parks, Chaces, &c. on this Side Trent, from the Year 1585 to the Year 1587, Lieutenant and Captain General of the Engliſh Army ſent by the ſaid Queen Elizabeth to the Netherlands; Governor General and Commander of the Provinces united in that Place: Lieutenant Governor of England againſt Philip the Second of Spain, in the Year 1588, when he was preparing to invade England with a numerous Fleet and Army.----He gave up his Soul to God his Saviour, on the 4th Day of September, in the Year of Salvation 1588.

His moſt ſorrowful Wife, Lætitia, Daughter of Francis Knolles, Knight of the Order of the Garter, and Treaſurer to the Queen, thro' a Senſe of conjugal Love and Fidelity hath put up this Monument to the beſt and deareſt of Husbands.

Near the above Monument is wrote upon a gilt Table fixed againſt the Wall the ſubſequent Verſes, upon the Death of the excellent and pious Lady, Lettice, Counteſs of Leiceſter, who died upon Chriſtmas Day in the Morning, 1634:

Look in this Vault and ſearch it well,
Much Treaſure in it lately fell; Wee

Wee all are robb'd, and all do ſay
Our Wealth was carryed this away;
And that the Theft might ne'er be found
'Tis buried cloſely under Ground;
Yet if you gently ſtirr the Mould,
There all our Loſs you may behold;
There may you ſee that Face, that Hand
Which once was faireſt in the Land:
She that in her younger Years
Match'd with two great Engliſh Peers,
She that did ſupply the Warrs
With Thunder, and the Court with Starrs;
She that in her Youth had been
Darling to the maiden Queen,
'Till She was content to quit
Her Favour for her Favourite,
Whoſe gold Thread when ſhe ſaw ſpun,
And the Death of her brave Son,
Thought it ſafeſt to retire
From all Care and vain Deſire
To a private Country Cell,
Where ſhe ſpent her days ſo well,
That to her the better Sort
Came as to an holy Court;
And the Poor that lived near
Death nor Famine could not fear:
Whilſt ſhe liv'd, ſhe lived thus,
'Till that God diſpleas'd with Us,
Suffer'd Her at laſt to fall,

Not from Him, but from us All:
And becauſe ſhe took Delight
Chriſt's poor Members to invite,
He fully now requites her Love,
And ſent his Angels from above,
That did to Heaven her ſoul convey
To ſolemnize his own Birth-Day.

GERVAS CLIFTON.

The next Monument is of a very curious Marble, of Ambroſe Duddeley's, Earl of Warwick, lying in full Stature in Armour, with this Inſcription in Engliſh:

Heare under this Tombe lieth the Corps of the Lord Ambroſe Duddeley, who, after the deceaſes of his elder Bretheren without Iſſue, was Sonne and Heir to John Duke of Northumberlande; to whom Quene Elizabeth in the Firſt Yeare of her Reigne gave the Mannour of Kibworth-Beauchamp, in the County of Leiceſter, to be held by the Service of beinge Pantler to the Kings and Quenes of this Realme, at their Coronations, which Office and Mannour his ſaid Father, and other his Anceſtors, Erles of Warwick, helde;--- In the ſecond Yeare of her Reigne, the ſaid Quene gave him the Office of Mayſter of the Ordinaunce;--In the fowrth Yeare of her ſayd Reigne, She created Him Baron Liſle and Erle of Warwick; --- In the ſame Yeare ſhe made Him

Him her Lieutenant Generall in Normandy, and during the Tyme of his Service there, He was choſen Knight of the noble Order of the Garter;---In the Twelvth Yeare of her Reigne the ſaid Erle and Edward Lord Clinton, Lord Admerall of England, were made Livetenantes Generall joinctely, and ſeverally, of her Majeſty's Army in the North Parts. ---In the Thirteenth Yeare of her Reigne the ſaid Quene beſtow'd on him the Office of chief Butler of England;---and in the XVth Yeare of her Reigne He was ſworn of her privy Council: --who departinge this Lief without Iſſue, the 21ſt Day of February 1589, at Bedford Howſe near the City of LONDON, from whence, as Himſelf deſir'd, his Corps was convey'd and interr'd in this Place; --- near his Brother Robert Erle of Leiceſter and others his noble Anceſtors: which was accompliſh'd by his laſt and well-beloved Wiefe the Lady Anne Counteſs of Warwick, who in further Teſtimony of her faythful Love towards Him, beſtow'd this Monument as a Remembrance of him.

On the North Side of the Tomb under their peculiar Coats of Arms, finely wrought in Marble. are the folowing Inſcriptions:

1ſt. John Duddeley, Eſqr; ſecond Sonne to John Lord Duddeley and Knight of the Garter, ma-

maried Elizabeth, Dowghter and Heir to John Bramſhot, Eſqr; and had Iſſue Edmund Duddeley.

2d. Edmund Duddeley, Eſqr; one of the privy Counſel to King Henry the 7th, maried Elizabeth, ſiſter and ſole Heir of John Grey, Viſcount Liſle; deſcen'd as Heir of the eldeſt Dowghter and Coheir of Richard Beauchamp Erle of Warwick, and Elizabeth his Wife, Dowghter and Heir of the Lord Berkley, and Heir of the Lord Liſle and Ties, and had Iſſue John Duke of Northumberland.

3d. John Duke of Northumberland, Erle of Warwick, Viſcount Liſle, and Knight of the Garter, maried Jane, Dowghter and Heir of Sir Edward Guildeford, Knight, and Eleanor his Wife, Siſter and Coheir to Thomas Lord Lawarre, and had Iſſue the ſaid Lord Ambroſe.

On the South Side of the Tomb, under their peculiar Coats of Arms, finely wrought in Marble, are the following Inſcriptions:

1ſt. The ſaid Lord Ambroſe Duddeley, maried to his firſt Wife, Ann Dowghter and Coheir of William Whorwood, Eſq; Attorney General to King Henry the Eyghte.

2d. The ſaid Lord Ambroſe married to his ſecond Wife Elizabeth, Dowghter of Sir Gilbert Taylboys, Knight, Siſter and ſole Heir of George Lord Taylboys.

3d. The ſaid Ambroſe, after he was Erle of Warwick, maried to his third Wife the Lady Ann eldeſt Dowghter of Francis Ruſſel, Earl of Bedford, Knight of the Garter.

The next Monument is the Son's of Robert Duddeley, Earl of Leiceſter, on the South Side, near the Eaſt End of the Chapel, with this Inſcription:

Here reſteth the Body of the Noble Impe Robert of Dudley, Baron of Denbigh, Sonne of Robert Erle of Leiceſter; Nephew and Heire unto Ambroſe Erle of Warwike, Brethern both Sones of the mightie Prince John late Duke of Northumberland; that was Couſin and Heir to Sir John Gray, Viſcount Liſle, Couſin and Heir to Sir Thomas Talbot, Viſcount Liſle, Nephew and Heir to the Lady Margaret Counteſs of Shrewsbury, the eldeſt Daughter and Coheire of the noble Earl of Warwick, Sir Richard Beauchamp, here interred.---A Child of greate Parentage but of farr greater hope and towardneſs, taken from this tranſitory unto the everlaſting Life in his tender Age, at Wanſtead in Eſſex, on Sondaye the 19th of July in the yeare of our Lord God 1584.---beinge the 26th yeare of the happy Reigne of the moſt virtuous and godly Princis Queene Elizabethe, and in this Place layed up among his noble Aunceſtors in aſſured hope of the generall Reſurrection.

Againſt

Againſt the North Wall is a Marble Table, with this Inſcription:

To the Memory of the Lady Katherine, late Wife of Sir Richard Levenſon of Trentham in the County of Stafford, Knight of the Bath, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir Robert Duddeley Knight, Son to Robert late Earl of Leiceſter, by Alicia his Wife, Daughter to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stoneley, Knight and Baronet, created Dutcheſs Duddeley by King Charles the Firſt, in regard that her ſaid Huſband leaving this Realm, had the Title of a Duke conferr'd upon him by Ferdinand the 11th Emperor of Germany, which Honourable Lady taking Notice theſe Tombs of her noble Anceſtors being much blemiſh'd by conſuming Time, but more by the rude Hands of impious People, were in danger of utter Ruin, by the decay of this Chapel, if not timely prevented, did in her life time give fifty Pounds for its ſpeedy Remedy. And by her laſt Will and Teſtament, bearing date 18th December 1673, bequeath forty Pounds per Annum, iſſuing out of her Manor of Foxley in the County of Northampton, for the perpetual Support and Preſervation of theſe Monuments, in their proper State, the Surpluſage to be for the poor Brethren of her Grandfather's Hoſpital in this Borough; Appointing William Dugdale, of Blythe-Hall, in this County, Eſq; (who repreſented to her the Neceſſity of this good Work) and his Heirs, together with the Mayor of Warwick for the Time being, to be her Truſtees therein.

TABLE I.

A TABLE, *or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Pariſh, put up* 1711.

A Houſe in the Church-Street, heretofore given for the Repairs of this Church, in Conſideration of Re-building, &c. after the late dreadful Fire; demis'd by Truſtees, to Moſes Robinſon, at 5 l. per Annum, for 60 Years, then to be lett at an improved Rent.

A Houſe in the Weſt Street, in the Poſſeſſion of Richard Meads, given to the ſame Uſe, the Rent 5 l. per Annum.

1670. The Lady Leviſon gave 40 l. per Ann. or repairing and beautifying the Lady's Chapel, charged on the Manor of Foxley, in the County of Northampton, if any Overplus, to the Brethren of the Earl of Leiceſter's Hoſpital in this Borough.

1707. The Right Hon. Fulke, Lord Brooke, gave the Stalls and Altar-piece, in the Chancel.

1709. The Right Hon. Sarah Lady Brooke gave two Silver Flaggons and Chalice, to this Church.

The Right Worſhipful Sir Thomas Delves, gave the Branches.

1553. Mr. John Toolie, alias Toles, Citizen and Alderman of London, gave three Houſes and ſome Lands, in the Bridge-End, to the Uſe of the Poor of this Borough.

1570 Mr. Thomas Oken, amongſt many other Charities to be ſeen inſcrib'd on his Monument, gave 100l. towards enlarging the Commons of this Pariſh, with which St. Michael's Piece was bought.

1570. Mr. Richard Griffin, of this Borough, gave all his Houſes and Lands in Myton, and the Bridge End, to the Uſe of the poor Inhabitants of this Borough, the Rent to be laid out in Cloth and 10s. yearly for a Sermon in this Church, the Rents now about 17l. per Annum.

1593. Nicholas Iffeler, born in the Province of Weſtphalia in Germany, Glazier, and a principal Burgeſs of this Borough, gave a Houſe in the Jury Street, and 10s. per Annum iſſuing out of Meaking's Cloſe, and founded an Hoſpital on the Back Hills, for four old Maidens, if none ſuch, four old Women.

1624. Mr. John Smith, of Sherburne, Clerk, gave the Rent of Eaves Meadow, in the Manor of Knoll, 5l. 6s. 8d. per Annum, to be diſtributed weekly to the Poor of St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas Pariſhes; alſo a Meſſuage and Copyhold Lands in Knoll, the Rents to provide ten Gowns for the Poor of St. Mary's yearly, whereof the Herdſman to be one; and alſo a Houſe in the Smith's Street, half the Rent whereof, at Chriſtmas, is to be for ever paid to the Miniſter and Church-Wardens of this Pariſh, to be laid out in Shoes for the Poor.

1655. Sir Thomas Puckering, Bart. founded two Alms-houſes, for poor Tradeſmen to live and take Apprentices in, one in Wall-dike Lane, the other in Cow-Lane. He alſo gave four Houſes beyond St. Michael's Hoſpital, in Saltisford, for eight poor Women to live in. With-

Without the Weſt-Gate is an Alms-houſe, for eight poor Women, who have 1l. 14s. 4d. payable amongſt them Quarterly, out of Sir Thomas Puckering's Eſtate.

1645. Mr. Richard Edgworth, of Overſton, in the County of Northampton, gave 4l. per Ann. to the Poor of Warwick, and 13s. 4d. yearly for two Sermons, on the 25th of March, and the 29th of September, iſſuing out of his lands.

1667. The Corporation pay yearly to the Church-wardens 3l. 7s. 2d. with which Linen is bought, and given, by the Vicar and them, to the Poor, againſt Eaſter; being the Intereſt of 55l. given for that Uſe by Mrs. Turvile.

A Counteſs of Devonſhire gave 50l. per Ann. to be diſtributed on Aſh-Wedneſday to the Poor, by the Mayor and Aldermen, payable by the Corporation.

JOSEPH BATTESSON, and WILLIAM HORNE, } Church-Wardens 1711

TABLE II.

A TABLE, *or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Pariſh, put up* 1712.

MR. Richard Vennor, Citizen and Barber Chyrurgeon of London, gave 30s. per Annum, to iſſue out of his Lands in Wellesbourn, 10s. of which is to be given to the Poor, 10s. for a Sermon, 6s. 8d. for a Collation, 3s. 4d. for [illegible] ringers, on the 5th of November yearly.

1660

1660. Mr. Thomas Aylworth, of Wellesbourne, gave 200l. to purchaſe Lands, Annuity, or Rent-Charge, for one Dozen of Bread, weekly to the Poor of Caſtle-Street Ward, and three Gowns, two for Men and one for a Woman yearly.

Mr. John and Mrs. Joan Stanton gave 50l. the Intereſt of it to be diſpoſed of in Gowns, to the Poor of Weſt-Street Ward.

Mr. Lea, a Baker, gave a Houſe near Joice Pool, towards the Relief of poor Priſoners in the County Goal.

Fifty Pounds given to the Poor of the Saltisford Ward, now reduced to 19 l. in the Wardſmens Hands of that Ward.

Mr. Daniel Price, of the Priory, Warwick, gave an Houſe and Garden in the Caſtle Street, of the Value of 5l. 10s. per Annum, the Rent to be diſtributed yearly to the Poor of this Borough.

Mr. John Yardley gave an Houſe in Saltisford for four poor Women of this Pariſh to live in.

Given to the Poor of the Saltisford 16s. yearly iſſuing and payable out of Ward's Cloſe.

Mr. George Wale gave 2 l. 10 s. per Annum, charged on an Houſe in the High-Street, to be yearly diſtributed to the two Pariſhes alternatively in Bread, which Houſe being burnt down in the late Fire, 1694, and the burnt Ground ſold for 15 l. that Sum is in the Church-wardens Hands of the two Pariſhes, and the Intereſt thereof apply'd to the ſame Uſe

1701. The Right Hon. Eliz. Lady Guilford, Daughter of the Right Hon. Fulk Ld. Brooke, gave 100 l. for the Teaching and Cloathing poor Children of this Borough, for the Payment of the In-

tereſt of which the Corporation hath given a Real Security.

1704. The Hon. John Smith, Eſq; now Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Scotland, gave 100 l. for the putting out yearly a poor Boy of this Borough Apprentice with the Intereſt thereof, for which, at 5 per Cent. the Corporation hath given Security.

Mr. Robert Heath, Alderman, gave by his Will 5 l. per Annum, charged on his Lands in Southam, for the putting out yearly an Apprentice, to be approved of by the Mayor and Aldermen.

1702. Mr. John Hadley, Alderman, gave 100l. with which a Cloſe in Henley in Arden was purchaſed, the Rent to put yearly a poor Boy of this Borough Apprentice; as alſo a Reverſion of an Houſe in Cow-Lane, the Rent whereof to be apply'd for the ſame Uſe.

1710. Mr. Richard Grimes, Alderman, gave the yearly Sum of 50 s. to this Pariſh, 10 s. to be diſtributed in Bread on the Feaſt of St. Michael, and 40 s. for 3 Cloth Coats, to be given on the ſame Feaſt.

1695. The Corporation after the Fire gave two Barns, Rent 3 l. per Annum, and laid out 120 l. converting them into Tenements for 28 poor People to live in.

Sir Thomas White gave 40 s. per Annum, to be diſtributed by the Mayor and Aldermen at Chriſtmas, to four poor Tradeſmen, payable by Coventry.

JOB LEA, and
TIMOTHY NORBURY, } Church-wardens 1712.

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TABLE III.

A TABLE, *or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Pariſh, put up* 1720.

1551. SIR Thomas White, Alderman of London, left 1400 l. with which Lands were purchaſed of 70l. per Annum, 40l. of which was to circulate to Coventry, Northampton, Leiceſter, Nottingham, and Warwick, in free Loan for nine Years, to four young Tradeſmen. The ſaid 73l. per Annum being now near 1000l. the Houſe of Lords, by their Decree, appointing the ſeveral Charities to encreaſe with the Rents, Warwick in its Courſe 1719, inſtead of 40l. received 457l. to be lent in fifty Pounds, on good Security to Young Tradeſmen.

1586. Robert Earl of Leiceſter, by the Grant of the Guild of the Holy Trinity and St. George, made to him by the Bailiff and Burgeſſes, founded his Hoſpital, conſiſting of a Maſter and twelve Brethren, the Vacancies of the Brethren to be ſupply'd by Warwick, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wooten Subedge, and Erlingham, alternately, and endowed it with 200 l. per Ann. now Improved.

Thomas Fiſher, Eſq; gave a Houſe and Cloſe in the Smith Street for the Repairs of the great Bridge.

Mrs. Margaret Porter gave a Houſe in the Jury-Street for the Repairs of the great Bridge.

1639. Mr. William Viner gave 6 l. per Ann. to the Maſter of the King's School, charged on his Lands in Eathrop.

1701. Queen Anne, of pious and glorious Memory by the ſeaſonable Application of the Right Hon. William Bromley, Eſq; gave towards the rebuilding of this Church One Thouſand Pounds.

1713. Mr. Joſeph Bliſſet, late Alderman, by his Will left 150l. to purchaſe Lands, and out of the Rents thereof eight Three-penny Loaves to be diſtributed to eight poor Houſe-keepers every Lord's Day.

1714. Robert Abbott, of London, Painter, a Native of this Borough, gave the Queen's Arms.

1718. Mr. Richard Ruſſel gave the Watch and Pulpit Cloth, and Cuſhion.

1719. The Hon. Mrs. Sarah Grevile, Daughter of the Right Hon. Fulke Lord Brooke, by her Will gave 1500l. with which an Eſtate is purchaſed at Herberberry, and the third Part of the Rents of it is to be employed for the cloathing and teaching of poor Children of this Pariſh.

MATTHEW BUSBY, and GEORGE WHADCOCK } Church-wardens 1720.

TABLE IV.

A TABLE, *or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts to this Church and Pariſh, put up* 1749.

MRS. Turvile left forty Shillings per Ann. to be paid out of her Eſtate at Byfield, in the County of Northampton (now purchaſed by Mr. Thomas Preſtwyche) to be diſpoſed of at St. Thomas, by the Truſtees, in buying 24 Yards of Woollen

len Cloth, at 18d. per Yard, to be given to two poor Men and ſix poor Women, of the Pariſh of St. Mary, and to two poor Men and two poor Women of the Pariſh of St. Nicholas, in this Borough. The Men to have three Yards each to make the Coats, and the Women to have one Yard and half each, to make them Waiſtcoats, the Remainder to be given in Bread to 12 poor Priſoners.

1722. George Webb, of this Borough, Mercer, gave a Meadow in the Pariſh of St. Nicholas, called Dean's-Pool Meadow, the annual Rent whereof to be applied as follows, viz. The four firſt Years, to put out a poor Boy, of this Pariſh, Apprentice each Year; and one Month after each Boy is out of his Apprenticeſhip, if he can produce a Certificate of his good Behaviour, under his Maſter's Hand, and can read well in his Bible, and ſay his Catechiſm, to pay 5l. or 6l. or 7l. towards ſetting him up in his Trade. And to St. Nicholas Pariſh the like for two Years after, and then to the Pariſh of Maxtock, in this County, for one Year in the like Manner, and ſo to continue for ever; and 20s. alſo to be ſpent on the 25th day of March yearly, upon ſettling the Accompts.

1723. Matthew Busby, of the Borough of Warwick, Gent. gave an Houſe in Swan-lane, the annual Rent whereof, to be applied as follows, viz. 1s. a Week in Bread for the Poor of this Pariſh, and the Reſidue to put out a poor Boy of this Pariſh Apprentice, yearly, upon the Feaſt of St. Matthew the Apoſtle.

1729. Fulke Weale, by his laſt Will, charges all his real Eſtate with the Payment of 40s. on the 21ſt Day of December, yearly, and every Year for

ever

ever, to cloath two poor Boys of this Pariſh, yearly, with Coat, Waiſtcoat and Breeches, and to pay for the Schooling. He likewiſe left the Remainder of his perſonal Eſtate, to be laid out in Land; the Rents whereof, are for ever to be apply'd towards the Maintenance of two Exhibitioners at Oxford, for the Space of ſeven Years: which two young Men are to be Natives of the Town of Warwick (and, in Default of ſuch, any others) that are bred up in the Free-School at Warwick, till they arrive at the Age of ſeventeen Years.

1730. Mr. Nicholas Rothwell, Alderman of this Borough, gave by Will a Cloſe in Frier Lane, of the Yearly Value of 6l. to be diſpoſed of in Bread and Beef at Chriſtmas, to the Poor of the Pariſh of St. Mary.

1732. Mrs. Anne Johnſton, late of this Borough, Widow, and Relict of William Johnſton, Dr. of Phyſick, gave two Meſſuages in the Pariſh of St. Nicholas, in this Borough, and all her Perſonal Eſtate (with which was purchaſed a Farm at Hogbrooke, in the Pariſh of Tachbrooke, in this County) for the relieving poor ancient, and other needy Perſons of this Borough, being of the Communion of the Church of England; and for putting out poor Children Apprentice, and aſſiſting ſuch Apprentices, towards ſetting them up in their reſpective Trades, or for ſuch or ſo many of theſe Purpoſes, as her Truſtees ſhould think fit. (See her Monument page 14.)

JOHN GARLAND, and WILLIAM TATNALL, } Church-wardens.

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TABLE V.

A TABLE, *or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Pariſh, put up* 1757.

1727 SIR Thomas Delves, of Doddington, in the County of Cheſter, Bart. left by his Will the Sum of 1000l. with which an Eſtate has been purchaſed, call'd the Baxters Leazures, of the yearly Rent of 42l. which is equally divided between the two Pariſhes of St. Mary, and St. Nicholas, in the Borough of Warwick, by the Vicar, Church-wardens, and Overſeers of each Pariſh to be diſpoſed of in putting out and cloathing, Apprentices, and relieving poor ancient and needy Perſons, not receiving Alms from their ſaid Pariſh; and the Vicar, Church-wardens, and Overſeers, are on Eaſter Tueſday, every Year, to give an Account to the Inhabitants, who are then preſent at the paſſing the Pariſh Accounts, of the Names of the Perſons who have, for the preceding Year, received the ſaid Charity.

1729. Jane Tomkys, Widow, by her Will, dated the fifth of July, gives to her Executor, the Rev. Mr. Thomas Norton, after Payment of her Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Charges, all the reſt of her perſonal Eſtate, amounting to the Sum of 240l. to be by him diſpoſed of to and for ſuch good and charitable Uſes, within the Borough of Warwick, as he in his Diſcretion ſhould think fit and convenient. For the Farther Diſpoſition, of which ſaid Charity, the ſaid Mr. Thomas Norton appointed Truſtees.

1741

1741. Henry Archer, Eſq; Member of Parliament for this Borough, gave the Pulpit Cloth and Cuſhion.

1757. He gave the Communion Table Cloth and Cuſhions.

1741. King Henry the Eighth by his Letters Patent, bearing Date the 15th of May in the 37th Year of his Reign, granted to the Inhabitants of this Borough, the Rectory of St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas in this Borough, and the Rectories of Chaddeſley, in the County of Worceſter, and Budbrook, in this County, and the Advowſons of theſe Vicarages, and a Houſe in Cannon Row, in this Borough, and divers Meſſuages, Tythes, and Hereditaments to the ſaid Rectories belonging, then valued at 58l. 13s. 4d. per Annum, and now encreaſed to 634l. 17s. 7d. per Annum, which grant, by a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, bearing Date the 20th of May 1737, and by ſeveral ſubſequent Orders of that Court, obtained at a great Charge and Expence by the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Archer, and Henry Archer, Eſq; then Repreſentatives in Parliament for this Borough, was eſtabliſhed and confirmed to the Inhabitants of this Borough for ever; and the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Eſtates, were thereby directed, to be apply'd in paying certain annual Stipends to the Vicar of St. Mary's, St. Nicholas and Budbrook, and to the Aſſiſtant of the Vicar of St. Mary's, and to the School Maſter and Uſher of the Free-School, and to the Clerk and Sexton of St. Mary's, and to the Mayor of this Borough, for the Time being, and in Repairing the Church and Chancel of St. Mary, and the great

great Bridge over the River Avon, and in binding out poor Children, born or bred in this Town, to be Apprentices, and in relieving the poor and aged People of this Town.

Bread gave to the Poor of St. Mary's Pariſh every Sunday at Church.

King Henry's Charity, and	26	Six-penny Loaves.
	1	Three-penny Ditto.
Dr. Johnſton's ——	6	Two-penny Ditto.
Mr. Bliſſitt's ——	8	Three-penny Ditto.
Mr. Aylſworth's ——	12	One-penny Ditto.
Mr. Smith's ——	12	One-penny Ditto.
Mr. Busbey's ——	12	One-penny Ditto.

GR. III. BR. MUS.

A Particular DETAIL *of the Grand Solemnity, with which the Earl of Leiceſter celebrated the French Order of St. Michael, at Warwick, in the Year* 1571.

G. III. BR. MUS.

FRIDAY the 28th of September, being Michaelmas Eve; it was ſignified that the Earl of Leiceſter (then at Mr. Thomas Fiſher's Houſe call'd the Priory) would goe to the Church (the next Day) and there keep the Order of France, viz. St. MICHAEL: of which Order, or Company he was one. And for that Cauſe the Bailiff and Burgeſſes were deſired to accompany him both to and from Church: whither his Lordſhip mynded to go by nyne of the Clock or ſoon after.

Whereupon the ſaid Bailie and Burgeſſes came to the Priory, where they were placed in this Manner: Firſt the Commoners in Gowns were ordered to goo foremoſt, two and two together: Then next after the Commoners four Conſtables to goo on a Rank, with little white Sticks in their Hands: Next after them the twelve principal Burgeſſes two and two in Order the youngeſt going foremoſt. After the principal Burgeſſes, followed ſuch of my Lord's Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Shire, as that Day waited upon him: After theſe Gentlemen came the Serjeant bearing the Mace; next after the Serjeant, followed the Bailief alone in a Gowne of Scarlet: After him came Mr William George, that Day Steward to my Lord, and Mr. Thomas Dudley Comptroller to my Lord, and Mr. Robert Chriſtmas Treaſurer to my Lord, all with white Staves as Officers, all in one Rank: next after followed Dragon, Purſuivant at Armes, and Clarenſieux, King at Armes:

Then

Then came my ſaid Lord, the EARL OF LEICESTER, by himſelf, apparell'd all in WHITE:—His Shoes of Velvet: His Stockings, or Hoſe, of knit Silk:——His upper Stockings of white Velvet lyned with Cloth of Silver:——His Doublet of Silver: His Jerkin white Velvet drawn with Silver, beautified with Gold and precious Stones.—His Girdle and Scabard white Velvet:——His Roobe white Satten embrodered with Gold a Foot broad very curiouſly:——His Cap black Velvet with a white Feather:——His Collar of Gold beſet with precious Stones, and his Garter about his Leg of St. George's Order.——A Sight worthy the BEHOLDING. And yett ſurely all this coſtly and curious Apparel was not more to be praiſed, than the comely GESTURE of the ſame EARL; whoſe Stature, being reaſonably tall, was furniſhed with all PROPORTION and LYNEAMENTS of his Body, and Parts anſwerable in all Things: So as in the Eyes of this Writer he ſeemed the only GOODLIEST PERSONAGE MALE in England: Which Peradventure might be affected, but ſurely to all the Beholders it was a Sight moſt commendable.

Now after the ſaid Earl of Leiceſter followed, as Companyons, the Earl of Hertford, the Lord Berkley, the Lord Dudley, the Lord Chandois, the Lord Deputy or Preſident, and many other Knights and Gentlemen, all on Foot, from the Priory to the Church of St. Mary, where were prepared by the Heralds Places in the Choir.

Firſt, a Cloth of Eſtate of very rich Hangings on the right Side of the Choir at the entering, where the Vicar's Place is. On the other Side

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in the third Stall towards the Veſtry, a Place for the Earl himſelf to ſit in. Over which Places, that is to ſay, under the Cloth of Eſtate, was ſet up the Armes of the FRENCH KING. And over the Places where my Lord ſat was faſtened my Lord's Arms environed with the Garter, and without the Garter a Wreath of Gold, after the French Order, in Manner of Knotts tieing Shallops Shells. So far of the Choir as hath Seats was hanged on both Sides with rich Cloth or Leather of Gold, very faire; all the reſt of the Chancell was hanged with Arras and Tapiſtry, and round about were Fourmes ſet for the Noblemen, Gentlemen and others to ſit upon to hear the Sermon. On the Stall before My Lord lay a rich Clothe with a faire and coſtly Cuſhion. On the Communion Table was laid another faire Clothe of Arras: Before the Table was laid a Turkye Carpett whereon My Lord kneeled, when he offered; which Carpet was ſpread by two Gentlemen, whereof one was his Gentleman Uſher. The Pulpit was ſett at the nether End of the Earl of Warwick's Tumbe in the ſaid Choir. The Tables was placed where the Alar had been.

At the coming into the Choir My Lord made a lowe Courteſie to the French King's Armes, being under the Clothe of Eſtate, and ſo was brought by the Herraulds to his own Place, where he ſat and heard the Sermon. After the Sermon was ended a Miniſter went to the Communion Table, and ſtanding at the North Side thereof, he ſaid the Service of the Communion untill he came to the Exhortations of Alms and Relief of the Poor: Then the ſaid Miniſter went to the Middle of the

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Table, and, taking in Hand a Baſon of Silver there ready, the Children and others of the Church ſang a Pſalm, whilſt the Herrauld Clarenſieux went to My Lord, and making a Courteſie to him, My Lord aroſe and followed the Herrauld till he came before the Place where the French King's Armes ſtood; and there the ſaid Earl made a lowe Courteſie; from thence, both Herraulds going before, My Lord came up to the Communion Table, where the Miniſter ſtood with his Baſon, and there the ſaid Earl, kneeling down upon a rich Cuſhion of Tiſſue, kiſſed the Baſon and offered one Piece of Gold, and then riſing, he went down again right againſt the Place where he before had ſat: and there both He and the Herraulds made another lowe Courteſie before his own Arms; and then was brought up again on the other Side of the Choir by the ſaid Herraulds to the Communion Table, and there offered into the Baſon another Piece of Gold; which being done the ſaid Herraulds brought him again into his own Place; where ſitting down and kneeling he heard the Reſt of the Prayers untill they ended.

And ſo in the ſame Order as he came to Church He with all the reſt returned againe to the Priory; where very ſolemnly he kept the Feast with liberal Bounty andgreat Chear; himſelf ſitting in a Parlour by himſelf without any Company kept the State, and was ſerved with many Diſhes all covered and upon the Knee with a Page.

After Dinner the ſaid Earl remaining in the Houſe with his Robe on untill the Evening, mynded to go again to Even Song, but the Weather being foul and a very greate Rain he could not go forth according to his Intent.